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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA  
MONROE DIVISION

THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, by and through  
its Attorney General, Elizabeth B. Murrill,  
et al.

Case No. 3:24-cv-00563

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Plaintiffs

VS.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, et al.  
Defendants

Chief Judge Terry A. Doughty  
Magistrate Judge Kayla D. McClusky

**MOTION TO APPEAR PRO HAC VICE**

In accordance with the local rules for the United States District Court, Western District of Louisiana, application is made to be admitted pro hac vice to the bar of this court for the purpose of appearing on behalf of the State of Montana, by and through its Attorney General, Austin Knudsen, in the above described action.

- I am ineligible to become a member of this court, but I am a member in good standing of the bar of the State of Montana and the Supreme Court of Montana, which is the highest court of such state. Attached hereto is a certificate of good standing from such court.
- Payment of the applicable fee of \$105.00 is made via the court's electronic filing system using Pay.gov.
- There have been no disciplinary proceedings or criminal charges instituted against me.
- In accordance with the local rules for the United States District Court, Western District of Louisiana, Tracy Short of the Louisiana Department of Justice is appointed as local counsel.

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- I authorize the Clerk of Court for the Western District of Louisiana to transmit notice of entries of judgments and orders to me under Fed.R.Civ.P. 77, Fed.R.Cr.P. 49, LR 5.7.10.

I also agree to receive notice electronically from other parties and the court via electronic mail. I understand that electronic mail filter software (SPAM filer) may interfere with receipt of e-mail notices and have verified that any such software installed on my computer or network will not filter our messages sent from [Clerk@lawd.uscourts.gov](mailto:Clerk@lawd.uscourts.gov). I understand this electronic notice will be in lieu of notice by any other means. I understand it is my responsibility to advise the Clerk's Office promptly in writing of any physical address changes and/or update my electronic mail address within the court's electronic filing system.

Respectfully submitted,

*s/ Peter M. Torstensen, Jr.*

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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that on May 8, 2024, I presented the foregoing Petition for Admission Pro Hac Vice to the Clerk of Court for filing and uploading to the CM/ECF system which will send notification of such filing to all participating counsel of record.

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